

REMARKS

The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-referenced case on June 14, 2006, and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 24, 2007.

In the action mailed June 14, 2006 the Examiner states that the IDS was received and is being considered, and the applicant acknowledges. The Examiner also states that the applicant is required to submit a drawing. In response to this statement the applicant calls attention to the fact that this case entered the US from the PCT under rule 371, and was filed with form IB 308, and a copy of the International application as filed was communicated to the USPTO by the International Bureau. The drawings are a part of the original foreign application as filed, and were therefore transmitted to the USPTO. The USPTO therefore has access to the drawings, and the further requirement is that the applicant file an English language translation of the application, which was done as a part of the original US filing papers. As a courtesy, a complete set of the drawing figures for this application accompanies this response, but as the drawings are a part of the continuing application, the applicant urges that there is no "new matter" issue.

In the action the Examiner objects to the Abstract of the Disclosure for various alleged deficiencies, and to the arrangement of the specification, which is not in the form required by the USPTO. In addition the Examiner objects to the title of the invention, and suggests a new title "METHOD FOR PROTECTING A VEHICLE BODY FROM CORROSION".

In response the applicant has amended the specification providing a new Abstract and a new title, and has re-arranged the specification using the sub-headings and the form required by the USPTO, and files herewith a substitute specification, as well as a marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing all of the changes made. The applicant states for the record that the sub-headings, the arrangement, the new Abstract, and the new title are all of the changes made, and no new matter is introduced.

In the action mailed 06/14/2006 the Examiner has objected to the claim language under 35 U.S.C. 112, as being indefinite for the use of a number of different terms. In response the applicant has redrafted the claims by amendment above to overcome the alleged 112 deficiencies, canceling all of the standing claims and adding new claims 50-67.

The applicant acknowledges the Examiner's opinion that the claims are too indefinite for substantive Examination on the merits, and has followed the Examiner's instruction to point out portions of the disclosure supporting limitation in the claims, as follows:

Claims 50-53 and 59- 62: All of the limitations in these new claims are enabled by the description in the substitute specification beginning on page 8, and describing an embodiment of the invention supported by figures 1 through 4.

Claims 54 and 63: All of the limitations in these new claims are enabled by the description in the substitute specification beginning on page 10, and describing an embodiment of the invention supported by figures 5 through 7.

Claims 55 and 64: All of the limitations in these new claims are enabled by the description in the substitute specification beginning on page 11, and describing an embodiment of the invention supported by figures 8 through 8c .

Claims 56, 57, 65, and 66: All of the limitations in these new claims are enabled by the description in the substitute specification beginning on page 9, describing heat provided through other assembly procedures. .

Claims 58 and 67: Support is found at several places in the specification describing manual application of heat to expand one of the expandable elements according to embodiments of the invention. .

If there are any time extensions due beyond any extension requested and paid with this amendment, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

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